

Assigned her Paul Mather.

Ogdensburg Aug 6.
Dr Jackson

Dear Sir - Since
my return home, Dr
Miller handed me
your letter, written
the 21st of June -
In regard to the
boy you speak of,
if he is one that
is calculated to do
good - & you can
feel that he will
work for the

Master, after he
finishes his three
years course - I
will take a scholar
ship for him - but
if you have any
doubts about him -
I would prefer a
younger boy - I
will leave the
matter with you -
I will send the
money - by the first
of Oct - or before.

I will ~~send~~ ^{left} to my
Special, for Scholarship, in
School at Sitka - Dear Dr
Miller is just now so very
busy, that I have taken it
upon myself to write -

Yours, in Christendome

Mrs J. S. Beers
Odenburg
New York

Will iamstown Mass.

Aug. 3. 1889

Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother, Through
your kind & favorable influence,
as I think, the following letter,
from the Board of Home Missions, of
Presb. Church, 53, 5th Av. N. Y. was
sent me yesterday viz:
"The Board of Home Missions has granted
you an appointment with the intention
of assigning you to work in Juneau,
Alaska, in accordance with applications
& recommendations with which we are
glad to comply. This is merely preliminary
to granting you a regular agreement,
where the details are arranged, & the
accompanying appropriation. This is
to be done by the local presbytery & can
readily be arranged after you arrive
on the field. Will you kindly let

us know when you propose going. in order that we may arrange for you the usual facilities."

Yours

Wm. Lavin

Of course I shall accept the appointment at once.

I write to ask you to state definitely as you can now, what the "details" & "accompanying appropriation" referred to above, are likely to be, as they will be arranged by the Local presbytery.

I do not suppose all things can be exactly stated now but whatever you can distinctly give, also any advice as to things in that distant region, which will aid me in my plans - I shall be glad to receive from you. I refer to house-furniture &c. I do not suppose we shall need

* very extensive quarters
- only two of us.

Please write freely as to
all such points as Mr. Strauss
needs to know.

Is there a church? or any
sufficient room for services?

Where are the other churches
belonging to the Presbytery?

As to when I can start on
the journey - I am not yet able
to state definitely. To ~~close~~ close
up my affairs here & dispose
of my goods & chattels will
require a few weeks, I suppose
but I shall move as rapidly
as possible.

Awaiting with much interest
an answer, I remain

Yours Truly
W. W. Winchester

Williamstown, Mass.
Aug. 4. 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson;—

Dear Sir:— I believe
Rev. W. W. Winchester,
my father, wrote yesterday
his acceptance of the Home
Missionary position at Juneau,
Alaska, but he died
suddenly this morning of
apoplexy and leaves the
work he so eagerly anticipated
for other hands to finish.
I have written to St. John, New
York.

Very truly yours,
Benj. S. Winchester.

JOHN HALL, D.D., PRESIDENT.
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WM. IRVIN, D.D., }
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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

August 8, 1889

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Brother:-

I have just got back and find Dr. Irvin and Mr. Boyd gone. A letter addressed to Dr. Irvin comes this morning from Benjamin T. Winchester, Williamstown, Mass, saying "My father Rev. W. W. Winchester died suddenly of Apoplexy this morning. I believe he wrote you yesterday signifying his intention of engaging in missionary work in ^{mean} Sitka, Alaska."

Yours truly,

H. Kendall

WOMAN'S
Missionary Society
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church
(ALASKAN BUREAU.)

Boston Aug 4

1559

Dear Sir

I am telegraphing
 informing me that Mr Carr had been
 appointed to Anka was received yesterday
 I need not say how glad I am that
 he can go back nor how sorry I am
 that your request for appointment
 of Mr Tuck reached the Commissioner
 so late - well into July instead of early
 June as you thought when you
 left here. We gave power of attorney to
 a San Francisco man to act for us in purchase
 of Home, its shipping & erection at Unalakleet
 soon as we knew if Mr Tuck could go to
 Unalakleet. The moment the Commissioner's
 letter was read I telegraphed this man

to proceed. And "Too late to send building
this year. Will attend to other matters."
Money had been telegraphed to the P. E.
at Leath for Mr. Can a little home at
Maga so no possible delay on our part
should prevent these men from having a
comfortable home as well as our work
began in a respectable manner. It cannot
be thus begun at Malashka as the
best place for home and school-room ^{to be had}
will one of the A. C. Lee's houses which
Dr. McIntyre said we might
have. This promise I suppose means if
not occupied before Mr. Luck gets there
He is very kind & well I am confident
do his best for us & the school.
I presume long before this reaches you
you will have received the Commission
Statement of what he has kindly done.
I shall never forget his kindness whether
he remains or not. My estimation of him has
changed. I can hear from you so seldom that I

Feb. 21. Please don't be one upon all points - that will aid us. I greatly fear that

WOMAN'S

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

(ALASKAN BUREAU.)

John Dagg
Mrs L. Dagg
Feb 13

Boston Aug 4"

1859

in mind informing
your estimate of our
success for the year
Yours hostily
(to read the 11th)

La Jackson

Dear Sir,

Yours telegram

I am writing with you for
Am. B. M. Socy.

without our Home we shall not have nearly as many children - as we
begin with. Please bear this
informing me that - the bar had been
opposite to Conga are received gratifying
news and say how glad I am that
we can go back now how long I am
that your request for appointment
of Mr. Cook needs the Commissioner
to look - all into fully instead of early
June so your thing is rather by our
left to you. We are of course of Attorney to
a San Francisco man to act for us in purchase
of Home, it is shipping & action at Unalakleet
soon as we know if Mr. Cook could go to
Unalakleet at the moment the Commissioner
letter are read I hope that this man

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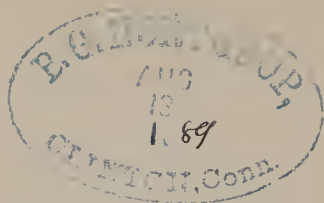
When will the truth

be known about Alaska?

You will surely be interested to read the
within article from N. Y. Times of Aug 10
either the previously reported outrages
have been gross exaggeration; or useful
misrepresentation - or else the Congressional
Investigating Committee, have been both
hard capped and hoodwinked - and there
should be a counter report to the one they
will present giving the real facts -

Ever truly

Wm D Porter



Hon. Sheldon Jackson
Washin

The States have observed
AbnDay in schools. It wd be a
welcome surprise to learn that any-
thing has been done in this line in
Alaska. I am preparing the final report
of the Com. on AbnDay appointed some six
years ago by the Am. Forestry Congress. I
shd be glad to get a reply from you, how-
ever brief. I send two little papers on this subject.

Cordially yours

B. H. Henshaw

Christ Church Mission,
Anvik, Alaska, Aug. 15/89

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir: -

Your letter, dated at
Sitka, Alaska, Apr. 27th 89, and also the one
dated at Seattle, Apr. 27th /89 were both
received, on the 4th Ult, but it was impossible
for me to answer as promptly as I should
have been glad to do.

Thank you very much for the
interest you have taken in this work, I pray
God that it may always be worthy of it.
I heard from Washington of your speaking for
us there, and what you said evidently helped us.

I cannot write you as exactly as
I would like about the number of buildings
attached to the various missions in this
section, but I can give you some facts.

- (1) On the Porcupine, at Rampart House, Revd.
C. G. Wallis, C.M.S., Church of Eng., is in charge

& alone. He has a good Church, Mission House
& Store. I do not know whether there are
other buildings.

(2) On the Upper Yukon, at Ft. Reliance,
Rev. J. W. Ellington is alone, & is building.
He also is C.M.S., Ch. of England.

(3) At Nuklakayet, the Rev. J. H. Canham
& wife, also of the Church Missionary Society.
He has been there a year, and is building.
Last year he taught school successfully.
I think his average attendance was 30.

(4) At Arvik, Rev. J. W. Chapman, Episcopalian -
A Mission House, Store House, & Carpenter Shop,
and a new building in process of construction,
which will be used for a Mission House, and the
present one will then be used for a School-
= House.

The four above are the Episcopal
missions in the Yukon District.

(5) At Nulato, The Rev. Fr. Regan, S.J. I
do not know what buildings he has. A lay

brother assists him,

- (6) At Koswreffsky, 40 miles below Anvik, the Revd. Frs. Tosi & Robant, S.J., with three sisters, and one or two lay brothers. Two excellent buildings.
- (7) The Revd. Fr. — and a lay brother (I think they will establish themselves somewhere near the mouth of the Yukon.)
- (8) At Igokmute, The Revd. Fr. Zachan Belkoff, of the Russian Church, with a married deacon, his son in law. A good equipment of buildings. A Church in use, and a larger one in process of construction, a dwelling house or two, and a building used as a hospital, storehouses &c. The Indians are beginning to build themselves houses. At St. Michael they have also a large Church and Mission House, but services there are infrequent.
- (9) At Unalakleet, the Revd. Mr. Karlson, and an assistant, ^{Mr. Anderson} of the Swedish Lutheran(?) Church. They are newly established, and brought up a house

with them this year.

With regard to the Curios which you desire for the Association at Sitka, I have undertaken about as much as I can hope to carry through successfully this year, in that line, but for next year, I will gladly undertake to do what I can. Possibly I shall be able to send something sooner, but I am afraid not.

We have written our people that we thought we had made a mistake about our present need of a steamboat, but we succeeded in getting an excellent sail boat this year, in which I brought up my supplies, and think it a good way, though when the winds are not favorable it is a rather long trip. It took me 25 days. I received the Copies of the "Morning Star", and also the things sent by Capt. Stockton, of the "Thetis" and thank you kindly. Wishing you the blessing of Almighty God,

I am, Yours Sincerely

John W. Chapman

Lock Box 78

Miss - Mrs. T. J. E. Miller
+ receive more

Grand Forks, Dakota

August 16. 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir -

Yours of April 4th was
duly received & I regret very much
my long delay in answering it. I was
advised to send our money to the Home
Board, as we would receive no credit for
it if we did not but I regret not having
sent it direct to you - Enclosed find
a letter from Mrs. Boyd which will
explain itself - I feel more interest than
in the other school, as friends, Mr &
Esther Lord just returned from a
visit to Alaska & saw the school in session.
Mr Kelly has visited with friends in
Alaska during his visit East & has urged
me & my dear friends to return with him
to Alaska. The prayers of our Society
are for you as in this noble work, that our
Father's richest blessing may rest upon
you - Respectfully -

Mrs. George D. Miller

No 8 Prospect St.
Rutland, Vt., 17th Aug, 1889.

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I am wanting information
on the question What has the Government
done towards the suppression of Mormonism.
Can I obtain it from the Bureau of Education?
If not will you kindly tell me where
to turn for the answer. This topic has
been given me for an approaching mis-
sionary meeting and I would like to
give an exhaustive answer.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Y. E. Richardson.

ans

E. W. WEESNER,
FRIENDON MISSION,
DOUGLAS CITY,
MINN.

8-18, 1881

Rev J Jackson

Dear Friend
I have after inquiry about the five Indian
boys at hand. Will say that I have not
inquiry about them and that they are in
the room working on the Fredwell site.
They say that they will return to school in
the fall. I am sorry that I
could not see them started back.

The reason Mr. Church wrote you about
cutting wood for our school was because
we are so busily engaged building an
addition to our present home, and rather
things to be done, it will be almost impossible
to get it put in time to season for winter.

It would be a great favor to get a little
aid in this respect.

Your friend
E. W. Weesner

Sitka Alaska Augst 18th 1889

I hereby agree that Dr Jackson shall turn
all my wages, while working for him at \$2
a day, towards the payment of my indebtedness
on my residence

Mr John Willard

Ans to W. J. H. 89.

WILLIAM J. HARSHA,
203 S. 25TH AVE.
OMAHA, NEB.

Omaha Aug 19th '89

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro:

I want to write
the story of Presbyterianism
in some of the Western
States, and of course I must
have some of your experiences
to make it true and life-
like. Would you be willing
to give me some data? I
would like anecdotes, in-
cidents of your work in Colo.
New Mexico &c. Have you
any published addresses or

Serious or facapble to
giving the above facts
and accidents? Or
would you be willing to
dictate something to an
amanuensis, whose ^{charges} ~~expenses~~
I will cheerfully pay?

Yours Cordially
J. H. Harsha



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Rev Dr Sheldon Jackson.

My dear Sir.

You are hereby most cordially
invited to attend the Seventh Annual
Meeting of the Lake Mohonk Indian
Conference. It will be held here on Wed.
Thurs. & Friday Oct 2-3-4th. Bring
Mr Jackson if possible + come on

Tuesday Oct 1st if you can as the
opening will be on Wed. morning.

You would be at no expense while
with us during Conference time. Hoping
to hear that you may be able to come
believe me.

Very sincerely yours
Abner H. Smith

Juneau, Alaska.

Aug. 23-1889.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

You know that during my husband's absence, I was honored by a call from the "Investigating Committee". They came to our house just as the people were gathering for church service. They desired me to proceed as usual and I proceeded to do so. They said also that they desired an interview with me and I replied that I would be glad to meet them at any hour they might name after our service. They did not name one. On Monday they had a meeting of Citizens at the Court House at which of course I was not present. After that meeting - just before the Albatross sailed Senator Dawes & wife came up to have a talk with me. One of the questions asked me was "So you

think that you over draw the facts -
in that leaflet you wrote?" I
said "No Sir. The truth was not
over stated in that letter. When it
was written I had every reason to
believe that such occurrences were
common in this place and I still
believe so." When he had asked &
heard all that he cared to on that sub-
ject and was about to leave, I requested
a few moments in which to present some
facts which were continually coming up
in our work calling for new and
better laws in Alaska. I was listening
to with the kindest attention and
requested to put what I had to say
into writing for the use of the Com.
giving also some incidents which would
show the need of such laws as I asked
for. Having done this, I thought you might
be interested in seeing it. So this explains
the paper accompanying this note. Please
it to me ^{soon}. I hope you are finding some rest
now. Much love to your wife &
children. With kind regards, Carrie M. Willard.

ack

Nau Can Alaska

Aug 24th 1889.

Dear Bro.

I received by last mail \$129
on act of Education

for rent for year ending with June 89. \$90

for wood

\$129
89

for which I am thankful. Can not get
any rent for school room previously fur-
nished. Can I get the same for the year
ending June 89 - as for year previous
I have no thanks.

I am sorry to have to report. the
top of the "Hydon Home" is fine on the
evening of Aug 13th I was absent at the
time, very little was saved, no provision.
Mrs M^cF. moved into the carpenter shop
and I made some temporary shelter for
her family. of course our house & effects
went along with Mrs M^cF's large new
house.

This leaves us all well and
Shukun Tun Tun

Very Res. & Loomis Cove

*and
Nov 15.*
THE CHAUTAUQUAN.

Dr. T. L. Flood, Editor.
MEADVILLE, PA.

Meadville, Pa. Sept. 1st, 1888.

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

How about the articles you
promised me last winter at Clifton Springs? Ac-
cording to my notes *I was to have* you ~~had~~ one on British Co-
lumbia, one on the Seal Fisheries of Alaska,
Russia in Alaska, Esquimaux in Alaska. I will be
glad to get these in the order named or in any
order convenient to you. Please give me the copy
as soon as possible. Success to you in your
work.

Faithfully Yours,

T. L. Flood

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

*Mailed Article on
British Columbia
Jan 12th 1889.*

ack Sept 23.

JOHN HALL, D.D., PRESIDENT.
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53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

New York, Sept. 2, 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Sitka, Alaska.


Dear Brother;

In response to yours of the 8th inst., I hasten to enclose our check to your order, for \$1000 on account, for the Boy's Hospital. When it is completed, you had better render me an account for its cost.

I would at once order the Iron Bedsteads. ^{if} ~~if~~ I knew how many you wanted. I think I will write to the people at Hartford and ascertain how many were sent for the other hospital and send a like number for this.

I will have a copy of the contract for the Sitka school sent to Mr. Kenney.

Yours truly,



Treasurer.

ack Sept 11. 89

Office of

JOHN G. HEID,

Attorney at Law.

Juneau, Alaska, September 2nd, 1889. 18

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir;-

Your letter was received per Steamer Ancon. I mentioned the matter of \$500.00, to be contributed by the people of Juneau, to go to the support of a minister, should one be sent here.

They all agree that, it would not be difficult to furnish the amount, providing the minister sent here would be competent to draw the people to him. You know that heretofore no minister attracted the attention of the people of Juneau; and this was not caused by a lack of earnestness or sincerity, but by incompetency.

There is, as you know, no protestant church organization at Juneau, and therefore it is impossible to see or expect the people here to act as a body in this matter; however, there are others, who like myself, will contribute liberally to support a minister so that we may have regular services here.

I do not think it difficult to secure the \$500, towards the support of a good minister; we do not ask for the best qualified person, but the people would like to ask for a reasonably competent minister.

Very Respectfully.

John G. Heid

San Francisco Sept. 11, 1889

Dr. Jackson,

Sitka.

Dear Brother.

The St. Paul is to sail tomorrow.

As you are aware my appointment for Unga came too late for me to take the Dora, and there was no other way but to wait for the St. P. I have been here 3 weeks now. You will see that I will not be able to reach Unga before Oct. 1st or even later. As the delay was not my fault I ought to have the privilege of teaching the whole term of 9 months, which will require until 1st of July or later.

Please let me know whether this favor will be granted.

I will need some vouchers.

Truly yours

John H. Carr.

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Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sika,
Alaska,

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San Francisco, Cal.
Sept. 5th 1889

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Superintendent of Education
Sitka, Alaska
Dear Sir:

I have received several communications from the Superintendent of the Eleventh Census, Mr. Robt. P. Porter, the tenor of which would indicate an intention on his part to have the ensuing census of Alaska taken in as satisfactory a manner as the last one. The work is to be entrusted once more to a single man, who is to collect what statistics he can and to make a general report.

This seems a great pity to me in view of the much greater

facilities now in existence for obtaining more detailed information which was not available ten years ago.

With the assistance of Government teachers and the various missionaries now scattered over the territory much good work could be done provided a team of observation could be formed at once and the teachers and others be communicated with in time to secure their co-operation during the coming season.

Under the law providing for the Eleventh Census it is left optional with the Superintendent what to do in Alaska and from his letter to me I can only come to the conclusion that he thinks it

of but very little importance.

If you should go to ~~the~~ Washington this season you could do much good in looking after the matter. No one knows better than I how incomplete ~~my~~ the result of my labors was ten years ago, and how desirable it is for the welfare of the territory to secure as thorough an exposition of both resources and population of Alaska as can be obtained.

Hoping to hear from you on this subject I remain

Yours very respectfully

John Petteroff

122 7th Pacific St.
San Francisco, Cal.

WOMAN'S
Home Missionary Society

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(ALASKAN BUREAU.)

Boston Sept 5th 1888

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro.

I have delayed writing to you
to be able to say, "They are on their way" I can now
say so to the same extent I telegraphed you
and saw that Bro Carr was married. He was
just as near to it as he now is unless the steamer he
retially left its moorings at 12. He expected to be
again married but when the father of the lady learned
there was a possibility of his going to Alaska his girl
went down that she could not go there. Result: marriage
not joined and he goes alone. It may be better for
to my terrible disappointment Dr Jackson's appointment
came well along in July instead of first of June as he
thought no doubt they were a some what. He left 28th
It may be as well if not better he could not take her
as there is no hall no place to lay his own head to
rest at night. He telegraphed money for him a little
cottage at Anga but he could not have had it
a run. I can even had the lady gone.
He left for San Francisco Aug 12 & has been there
his time waiting for a ship. Now I am in the same

with promise from A. C. Co. that if they can't get him
to Canga this winter they will take him some time
to me. So then they said if they did not get him to Canga
it would not be his fault. But this! to I guess he
will get there.

Now a question arises. Under circumstances as above
stated it surely should not be considered his fault
that the school does not begin at noon time.

Will you not allow him to continue the school
until the 1st Nov have expired? At least one month
later - may be 6 weeks. He said his boat at last
a long time waiting to know if he need the appointment
from my Secretary as well as his interest in Canga
& as said has been waiting weeks at St. Paul for message - all
this time at heavy expense. Col. Dawson told Mr. Luck
he could lengthen out the school at the close of
regular school year from the facts as given in regard to
Mr. Can. He was ready 15 Nov ago and had been at St. Paul
more than two weeks waiting for vessel - St. Paul. If you
will do this so in time the new Commissioners - &
one too - as well also as Bro Can do early as possible I am
sure there will be at least two glad hearts. I did not
ask this for Bro Can as at that time he expected to
go by a new vessel from Seattle taking wife & their
belongings as well as the lumber for his niece with
cotton - we were to build for them - & for which the money
is said had been telegraphed. Poor man, grand man. vessel
didn't get finished in season and had no wife to be land

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yet he goes

He left it all to be decided in this way. If Govt
saw fit to re-appoint him (he did not really want to
go as you may imagine ~~with~~ the sacrifices he must make, of
money & the good opportunities for Christian work at home) he
should take that as proof that God wanted him to go as
Mr. Dawson telegraphed him of his appointment. Mr.
Dawson telegraphed me "Have need of comforters & readers
shall go alone." I know what this meant as he had
told me the father did not want her to go and saying
I would find a suitable lady to accompany them
who would go he would pay passage & board
one year! How many men would do this & alone our
place? I wanted them to be married before he left even
if she didn't go so she could go out again he had a
comfortable home for her to go to, but no.

He wrote me that I had better look for a man
or wife who would go next year. I do not know if he really
meant so or only gave the privilege. If he did shall I do so?
If course you cannot expect him to do what
he could have, but he had a nice good looking
home & school-room to go into at once. He will
have his best he can. \$500. Chapel Organ is on its
way from the firm in Hamilton.

Yours sincerely, J. L. [unclear]

Securus Inalashka will be
an out & out out-school next
year as you promised three years ago.
(We have out annuities for 30 Indian children
at Woksachk soon as our home is made large
enough.)



Rev. Sheldon Jackson S.D.
Sitka
Alaska

WOMAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

53 Fifth Ave., P. O. Box 1938.

New York, ..

Sep 11th

1889

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir - We have written Miss
Abby asking her to return to
Sitka, and, (with prudence), to
make another trial of the
work. Yours sincerely
H. R. Burnett

Kodiak, Alaska, Sept. 10, 1889.
Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir!

I hope you are well. I received your letter about two months ago. I am answering you now. When the steamer Rush was here the soldiers bought some skins. I heard that the steamer Rush caught some schooners in Bering Sea. When we had vacation we were picking some berries and salting fish for winter to eat. Mr. Tolman went to English Bay and caught a big brown bear.

My nephew came to Kodiak this summer from Kenai, he goes to school every day. About a week ago a man got drunk and started in a bidarka from Wood Island to go to Sapashevi.

He upset and drowned. A new priest has come to Kodiak and the old one is going away to Belkoffski. The new one does not drink any wine or whiskey. Mr. Wilson is going to Scotland with his sons this fall. I guess they will come back next spring again. My brother was salting fish this summer. An abutle got drunk and fell off from the wharf this morning and got out of the water himself. The St. Paul is expected here soon. The Alaska Commercial Co. have a large number of sea otters in their ware house this year. They will send them to San Francisco this fall.

Yours very truly,
Anton Demidoff.

Seattle W. T.

September 12th 1889

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother

I enclose herewith a blank annual Statistical Report for your Presbytery.

You will perceive that this is intended to be forwarded to Synod's Committee on Narrative before the meeting of Synod. I overlooked it when I sent you a notice of meeting of Synod.

A Narrative of your Presbytery should also be sent with it. to Rev. F. J. Thompson D. D. Corvallis Oregon, who is Chairman of Committee on Narrative.

Would you please forward to me at your earliest convenience a correct roll of your Presbytery?

I am but slowly recovering from my injury, and am not sure that I shall be able to attend the meeting of Synod.

Yours fraternally

Geo. F. Whitworth Stated Clerk

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JOHN GILL.

Portland, Oregon, September 28, 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:- Your esteemed favor of the 11th inst is at hand. We filled the order at once as far as we could, and by pre-paying the expressage to Port Townsend we were able to catch the last steamer which went direct to Howkan. The six Cornell Intermediate Geography were not in stock, but we sent to the publishers and requested them to forward to Miss Gould by mail direct. We note your remarks concerning the balance of \$1.20 of long standing. Somebody in the interregnum has dug the matter up and payment was made to us in April last of this amount from Washington. Under the circumstances we thought best to report it to you and send these vouchers on. If you desire another set made out, please send them to us and we will follow your instructions. When this account is paid we can refund you \$1.20 if desired. In writing to us kindly refer to this letter so that we shall be able to trace the matter up quickly.

Yours truly,

J. K. Gill & Co.

PHOENIX (Ariz.) Oct. 3.—Today water storage for the Salt River Valley appears very near. The water users of the valley have agreed, almost without exception, to a plan for the organization of a corporation, on the basis of one share for every acre of land to be irrigated, this corporation to deal with the United States government and to give ample guarantee to the government for the repayment to the government of the cost of the Tonto Basin reservoir and dam. The plan was ratified this afternoon at a mass meeting at the Phoenix Theater, which was filled with a thoroughly representative body of farmers and business men. The main speaker was George H. Maxwell, who has been working with the local committees for the past fortnight and to whom is given much of the credit for the successful termination of the efforts toward securing a satisfactory plan of action. The committee report says:

"We believe success in this movement depends wholly upon the people themselves. With a united community there is every assurance of success, and we urge upon every citizen of the Salt River Valley the imperative and urgent importance in this critical period in the history of our development of working shoulder to shoulder to carry out the plan suggested by this committee and set forth in this report."

It is recited that the government cannot participate in any plan that contemplates delivery of stored water to canal companies that are not formed exclusively of water users. It is not designed that this contracting association shall directly acquire ownership of the valley's canals, but it must have general supervision of the distribution of the water stored. Save only for the Mesa Consolidated Canal, all the ditches on the south side of the valley already are coöperative in organization. Dr. A. J. Chandler, manager of the exception named, has assured the committee that his company will be more than pleased to turn the canal over to the farmers it supplies, on terms that cannot fail to be satisfactory to the purchasers.

On the north side, the situation is slightly more complex, owing to the fact that the main canal, the Arizona, is owned by a foreign corporation, which at the same time controls a bare majority of the stock of the Grand, Maricopa and Salt River Valley canals, the older and lower-lying ditches. The Arizona Canal is heavily bonded and has equities in the distribution of water much inferior to those of the other north-side canals. But the committee apprehends not a bit of trouble on this account, as the canal that will carry stored water must be controlled by the consumers directly and the change from corporation management to coöperation will not be hard to make.

Another provision of importance in the national irrigation act is that which provides that "No right to the use of water for land in private ownership shall be sold for a tract exceeding 160 acres to any one land owner, and no such sale shall be made to any land owner unless he be an actual bona fide resident on such land or occupant thereof residing in the neighborhood of such land, and no such right shall permanently attach until all payments thereof are made."

Following out the requirements of this section it follows that much of the land holdings of the valley must be subdivided into 160-acre tracts, under separate ownership.

The reservoir recommended is on the lines of the plans drawn by Arthur Powell Davis of the Hydrographic Bureau, with a capacity of 1,478,000 acre feet, the estimated cost of dam and equipment being \$2,550,000. The site of the proposed dam is across the channel of Salt River, a few hundred yards below the mouth of Tonto Creek, about sixty miles east of Phoenix. Government engineers declare the dam site by far the best yet found in the Southwest. The river cañon at the point selected is only 202 feet wide on the water line, the best of rock, and a fine natural Portland cement are to be secured near at hand, and water power may be generated at little cost for practically all the mechanical necessities of construction.

Concerning the quantity of land to be irrigated, the report reads:

"It is further resolved that it is the sense of this committee that the lands now under cultivation should be given the first opportunity to secure reservoir rights, and that reservoir rights should be allotted only to holders of shares in the said water-users' association, and this committee believes that under a system of water storage, in view of the water-supply records of the Verde and Salt rivers, as prepared by the United States Geological Survey and the court water commissioner of Maricopa county, that it would be unwise to attempt to cultivate more than 200,000 acres with the entire known available water supply."

The resolutions are to be presented to the Secretary of the Interior as the earnest recommendation of the committee. Four thousand copies of the report have been ordered printed. The work of preparing the articles of incorporation of the proposed water consumers' association was intrusted to Judge J. H. Kibbey, who, as judge of the local District Court, outlined the plan under which the water supply of the valley has been distributed for years.

According to the best-informed legal authorities, no action of Congress will be necessary for the acceptance of the outlined proposition by the Secretary of the Interior. Work could be started practically as soon as the Interior Department has been assured of the fullest compliance by the irrigators with the terms of the irrigation act. There would be no question of funds, for \$8,000,000 is on hand, and available for the work at the present time.

The plan suggested met with the heartiest indorsement at the theater meeting. There was not a dissenting voice, and before nightfall subscriptions had been received for 15,000 acres, or shares of the new corporation. The general tone of the meeting was optimistic in the extreme, for at the lowest estimate the construction of the dam will at least three-fold increase the producing power of the lands of the Salt River Valley. In the item of alfalfa alone, water storage would insure a production valued at no less than \$4,000,000 per annum, and coupled with cattle feeding and with the cultivation of the rarer agricultural products that

here may readily be produced, it is believed that the annual earning capacity of the region will yet be raised to the stupendous sum of \$10,000,000.

Juneau. Alaska. Oct. 4th 1889.
Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Sitka. Alaska.

Sir.

Acting under your instructions I have
been to Douglass City to see if I could
rent a suitable room for the school.
There is but one room to be rented in the
place, and that I would not recommend.
Mr Weisner once occupied this same
room, kept school there I believe, and
he assured me, that I could not stay
in it during the winter, (much less little
children) as it had an imperfect
foundation, and was liable to blow down.
I noticed that the ground under neath
the house, was entirely covered with water
and that is why it is considered unsafe.
Mr Weisner, also informed me, that some
of the white children were attending

Mr. Edwards's school, that they
numbered thirteen, could neither read
or write had never attended school
previous to Mr Edwards's.

So the school will be primary in every
sense of the term, and under the
circumstances I see no alternative but
to wait for the new building, and it
may be the better plan, as we can then
open the school under more favorable
auspices.

In the meantime I will get my
examinations papers ready for you
I presume any time previous to the
opening of the school will be satisfactory
Through a misunderstanding Miss Lee,
gave me the questions in Arithmetic
thinking I was prepared to take them
would you please send Miss Lee another
list of Geography and Arithmetic?

And Oblige

Mrs. H. S. Adams

Fort Warrall,

Oct. 4, 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Dear Dr. Jackson;

I send by this mail my report for September, also vouchers filled and signed. Trust my salary for May will come all right.

School opens encouragingly. Most of the children are very young which makes the work more arduous, but all the more hopeful. I have ^{now} night school for the young men thro' the winter.

The work here, generally, seems quite discouraging sometimes. There is no lack of strong drink, & the natives get it all the time. We have little sympathy from

those around us, and most are ready to denounce any work for lifting up the natives. Judge Sheasley is most admirable, & Mr & Mrs McKay faithful & earnest. My husband is my helper in all things.

I am going to speak to you plainly concerning the man Churchill, who sends a long petition, by this boat, to Mr Porter asking the position of Deputy Marshal for Wrangel. He was Fleming's right hand man in all his work here, and is one of that ring. For the sake of all effort here to put down strife among the natives, for the sake of all Christian effort, — and I speak especially for the help I need in gathering in the children, — we cannot have Churchill, and I do, most earnestly ask your

influence with Mr. Porter.

I hope you will not misunderstand me, (and I do not much fear it,) when I tell you that my husband sends an application for the position by this mail. If the salary were so large as to make that an object I might fear it; as it is, you can hardly think the money the consideration. We, (which means our side) have talked the matter up, and so Mr. Thomas concluded to apply.

Please send blanks for monthly reports. I have not one. Have still a few blank vouchers. Can I have Judge S. purchase coal oil here?

Did you ever receive a letter from Miss Mary Cooper

of Buchanan West Va,
 asking a position in Alaska?
 I know the family, but am not
 personally acquainted with Miss
 Mary, but would not hesitate
 recommending her. Should
 she write, & you have a vacancy,
 I hope you will consider her
 request.

I write very freely to you,
 knowing your wisdom will
 put kindly, but firmly aside,
 any impracticable requests, and
 feeling that anything worthy will
 have due consideration.

Trinets all well, & Mrs. Barnes
 & baby boy doing nicely.
 Very sincerely
 Lydia L. Thomas.

Office of
Juneau City Mining Record.

Frank E. Myers, Editor.

Juneau, Alaska.

Oct- 5 1889

To Dr Sheldon Jackson,

Sitka, Alaska,

Dear Sir:

In reply to your relative to printing the outside of the "Star" I will say that \$12.00 is as cheap as I can do it & you furnish the paper already cut. I would suggest that you use heavier paper & have it cut a little larger giving more margin which will add to the appearance, 16 1/4 inches by 11 1/2. When you order paper you can have it cut any size without extra charge.

Some months ago I sent bill to School Board for printing proposals for School house at Douglas City, have heard nothing of it since. I wish you would hurry the matter up.

Enclosed I send you a few copies of affidavits which you can use as you see fit.

Yours etc

Frank E. Myers

OCT 7 1902

Rev Sheldon Jackson Esq

My dear Brother

There has been considerable wire working & mean business by the citizens of Phoenix A. T. since the passage of the Norlands Hansbrough bill June 17th. An effort was made by the citizens to persuade the Secy of Interior to allow the erection of a dam on the Tonto basin in lieu of the San Carlos dam. They sent a com of principal citizens to see him but he was absent. I was so indignant that I wrote to President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay - two letters each to Cramer W. Jones & Mr Arnold - one to Dr C. L. Thompson & one to Dr Geo L. Spaulding & as you had not returned I could not give you the benefit of receiving a piece of my mind. I saw from a letter in one of our magazines from Mr Harriott of the Geol Survey that Congress must act

on the suggestion of the Secy of Interior
to grant permission for the San Carlos
dam to be started. Well, it may be done
in time for the men under Mr. Small
to start it by March next, & that may
be necessary on account of its affecting
the Indians of Fort Cook.

I now send you a clipping from this morn-
ing's L.A. Times that speaks for itself.

My back is up (as yours will be) if the
Phoenix proposition shall take the preced-
ence of the San Carlos dam & Fort Cook's
Indians starve. The Phoenix people
need water badly enough & I hope they
will get it, but if it must supplant
the creation of the S.C. dam, no to them!

I hope you will look into this matter
& see by all means that the San Carlos
dam project is the first to be built &
relief given to Fort Cook's poor starving
Indians as soon as possible. Please
let Mr. Sperry after the Phoenix pro-
ject instantly. Very paternally yours
J. T. Whittemore

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
CENSUS OFFICE,

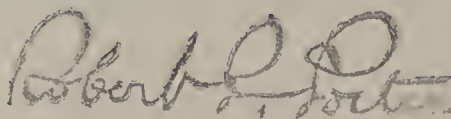
WASHINGTON, Oct. 9, 1889.

Dear Sir:-

This office begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt
of your communication of Sept. 11, 1889, .

The information you have furnished has been duly noted.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent of Census.

R. L. F.

The General Agent of Education,

Sitka, Alaska.

JOHN HALL, D.D., PRESIDENT.
H. KENDALL, D.D., } SECRETARIES.
WM. IRVIN, D.D., }
O. D. EATON, TREASURER.

Box L, Station D.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
53 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.

New York, Oct. 10, 1889.

Rev. Shelton Jackson, D. D.

Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Jackson:-

Your favor of September 4th also of Sept. 23rd reached me yesterday. I have already forwarded you the additional \$1000 for the Boy's Hospital. I have requested a new report from the ladies in regard to the amounts they have received for the Steam Laundry and I have made a personal examination of the papers and find there is still \$50 due you and I herewith enclose a check for that amount together with a statement of all contributions. My Mr. Adams looked into this matter formerly when I last wrote you and affirmed there was but \$50 due, it seems he was in error.

Not knowing how many iron bedsteads with mattresses you needed I ordered 12 and they are already on the way to Sitka; when they reach you let me know if they are satisfactory and if the additional 13 are needed I will have them ordered at once. When I gave the order I was not aware that there were two wards in the Hospital, or if I knew it I entirely over-looked it. If Dr. Henning left in Oct. I am wondering whether the new appointee would be able to secure the position under the government of resident

physician at Sitka. If that could be arranged I would be a great relief to the Board of Home Missions in its present pecuniary condition. Have a look at it, will you when you arrange matters.

With many kind regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

O. L. Eaton

Treasurer.

*On again looking into the matter
I cannot ascertain who has the money
so you may charge me.*

Mich 29. 1889	-	405.25	reported by you
" 22. "	-	250. =	2 checks \$110. & \$140.
May 8. "	-	50. =	"
July 15 "	-	1000. =	"
" 26 "	-	50. =	"
Oct 10 "	-	50. =	" enclosed herewith
		<u>\$1805.25</u>	



Moses King Corporation.

Boston, Mass. Oct. 10, 1889.

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Sitka, Ala.

Rev. dear Sir:

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your book, electrotpe, circular, etc., and shall find them very useful in preparing our account of Alaska, which, though short, we desire to have as full and accurate and modern as possible.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Sweetser

J. P. GORDY, Ph. D.,
C. W. SUPER, Pres. Ohio University,
ALBERT LEONARD. } EDITORS.

Athens, O., Oct. 11, 1889.

Dear Sir:

I am employed by the United States Bureau of Education to prepare a monograph on the Training of Teachers in the United States. For this reason, I respectfully request you to answer, as far as you can, the following questions:

1. How many Normal Schools are there in your state? When were they established? Where are they located? Who are their Principals? Which of them are public and which private?

2. Are there any Professorships of Pedagogy in the colleges of your state? If so, in what colleges? When were they established? Besides Professorships of Pedagogy, are there any Normal Depart-

ments in your colleges? If so, where?

3. Are institutes held in the various counties in your state? About what is their average length? Is the instruction given in them chiefly academic or professional?

4. Do the Superintendents of schools in your larger ^{towns and} cities give their teachers professional instruction?

An early answer to these questions would greatly oblige

Yours Respectfully,
J. P. Gordy.

Address. Lewiston. Idaho.

United States Indian Service,

In Camp near of the Clearwater Agency, Res. Idaho.

Oct. 14

, 1889

My dear Dr Jackson.

When are you and how is Alaska? Since we parted in Washington you have crossed the continent & pushed on to your field of labor. While I have nearly crossed but stopped in the foot hills of the Bitter root Mts. in the valleys of the Snake and Clearwater rivers. I often think of you, of dear old Mrs Jackson, of the noble crew of teachers at Sitka and the many Indians whom the work of Christian love goes on. And I thank to hear from you and from them very much. I saw in a paper an account of the Alaskan at Mr Duncan's Colony. I trust the Cross is more good and more than ever before this time. It is good to hear money. and then the will to spend it.

The North Star comes to me. I fear my subscription is now due. As soon as I can get a bill - no, I will send a check in a Portland Bank I think you can use it without discount. So I enclose \$1.00. I also enclose a little article for the North Star, which I trust may be acceptable.

I reached here last May. and soon went into camp.
I have been living in a tent for the past ⁴ months. a little
shack iron stove keeps us warm. when the storms come ~~and~~
~~and~~ the wind tightens our tent walls. We are in the midst
of canyons most of them from a third to a half mile deep.
Sometimes the walls rise perpendicular and neither man or
beast can go up or down. then again the sides are gullied by
deep gulches & a way is possible for the sturdiest man or
animal. You would wonder at the places I climb over for
I must get about over this broken region. frequently we must
go 5 to 10 miles to reach a point little over a mile away - all
on account of these terrible canyons which fork the country to
the right and left. When I last moved camp I traveled two
days to reach 6 miles, going over 40 miles heading and
climbing up & down canyons. We have nightly serenades from
Coyotes. but we have more dangerous neighbors. cougars & grizzly
bears. So far we are safe. The all-weather gas is steady. the Indians
are a very good industrious class of people. living in the little
valleys at the bottom of canyons. or along the rivers, cultivating
patches. but depending mainly upon their stock which ranges
over the uplands.

My affectionate regards to Dr. & Mrs. Sturten. and cordial greetings
to all other members too. As ever Dear Mrs. Sturten. I am, Sir,
And may I then I keep you and yours in the best.
Sincerely yours Alice C. Fletcher.

The Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute.

S. C. Armstrong, Principal.

F. N. Gilman, Treasurer.

Hampton, Va., Oct. 15 1889

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Sir

Our pamphlet report
is not yet out and we send you 50 copies
of the June Southern Workman today by mail.

We had a large edition, have plenty yet on
hand & should be glad to send you more
of them if you would like them.

Will you please advise me if you are
receiving the S. W. regularly & if we have
it correctly addressed. We want you to have
it.

Have had very good reports
recently of the Arizona Indians whom you
brought here to school years ago. Particularly
Melissie Dmy & Antonio.

Yrs. respectfully

F. N. Gilman

THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
NEW YORK.

October 16th, 1889.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
General Agent of Education, Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Shepard received your letter of
September 24th, 1889, and in accordance with it immediately
wrote to the Secretary of the Interior as you desired. I
enclose a copy of that letter for your information.

Yours very truly,

Wm R. Morrell
Secy

THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
NEW YORK.

October 14th, 1889.

C O P Y .

Hon. John. W. Noble,

Secretary of the Interior, W shington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There seem to be very excellent reasons why you could with great propriety and advantage to the public service, grant a leave of absence with transportation to the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D., United States General Agent of Education in Alaska, for the months of december and january. He can do more, probably, than any other man towards thoroughly posting up General Morgan, your new Commissioner of Education, about Alaskan affairs, and be of general assistance to your department before committees of either House of Congress.

An application for this leave has been forwarded to you, I am informed, by the Territorial Board of Education; and there are a number of things in the affairs of Alaska which were done by the former Commissioner of Education, which General Morgan will probably wish to undo, as they are full of mischief.

Since our visit to Alaska in 1887, both Mrs. Shepard and myself have taken a very lively interest in educational matters there, and we think that your favorable action upon this application will be of essential advantage to all those schools.

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) Elliott F. Shepard,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON,

October 16, 1889.

Elliott F. Shepard, Esq.,

"The Mail and Express",

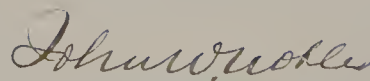
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 14th instant has been received in regard to Rev. Sheldon Jackson, United States General Agent of Education in Alaska.

General Morgan is not the Commissioner of Education. That position is filled by Dr. Wm.T.Harris. General Morgan is the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Mr.Harris is the man Dr. Jackson wished to see. Before acting upon his request for leave of absence I have referred it to the Commissioner of Education for his views as to whether it is necessary that this officer shall come here. I am greatly guided by my Commissioners in such matters.

Yours truly,



Secretary.

Wangell Oct 18 1889

Rev Sheldon Jackson S S

Dear Friend

William Riney Lear—
returned from Sitka on the Elden
and says that He will be appointed
US Deputy Marshall at this place.

Now I hope that Mr
Porter the new United States Marshall
will not humiliate us and bring
dishonor on himself and the Adminis-
tration by making such an appointment
if Mr Thomas cannot be appointed then
give the position to Mr William Magalligan
Mr Magalligan is a decent man and a
Republican and no one can object to him

You understand the situation
in this place Mr. Lean would
be much worse than no officer
at all

Please say to Mr. Kelley that
Shokunda's Mother is not her name
and when they come home I will see
them and if the sister wants to go
up to Pitkin and you want her
I will send her up

Very Truly Yours

James Sheekley

Cuneau, Alaska
Oct. 31 - 1889.

Dr. Jackson - dear Bro:

✓ The Dawes letter &
your accompanying note were duly
recd. - Thanks. The question of
publishing in North Star or elsewhere
I left wholly to my husband's de-
cision - and he believes it would
not be best - now at least. But
he forwarded to your address a
copy of "Our Sunday Afternoon" in
which is a letter of mine that
I very greatly wished to consult
you about in regard to the different
denominational points - &c before I sent
it but there did not seem to be a
moment of time for it. If it is all
right and you care to have it for the
North Star (leaving out the opening
plea) I know that it will, in part at
least supply the bit of information that

many are asking for.

Our work is still full and demands all hands and all our time. Are ^{you} to spend the coming winter in Alaska, or will you be coming thro' soon?

Our love to your wife & daughter. Mr. & Mrs. Behrman arrived safely and are cozy ensconced in their new home.

With cordial regards.

Garner M. Willard.